



## ADVISORY NOTICE

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**SUBJECT:** Summary of Upcoming EMT Curriculum Changes

**TO:** All Instructor-Coordinators  
All Service Chiefs  
All Training Officers

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Please be advised that the RI Department of Health is preparing to distribute updated curricula and standards for EMT courses, refreshers, updates, and extended role skills as approved by the Ambulance Service Advisory Board at their June 12, 2007 meeting. In the interim, the following summary of key changes is being provided for reference by all training personnel. Once finalized, updated curricula and course standards will be distributed to all licensed instructor-coordinators.

### EMT-BASIC COURSE CURRICULUM

**Changes:** Add Major Incident module (4 hours didactic, 4 hours lab)  
**Total Time:** 8 hours added  
**Applies To:** All courses with a completion date after 9/1/2007

### EMT-CARDIAC COURSE CURRICULUM

**Changes:** Add IV Infusion Pump (2 hours didactic, 2 hours lab)  
Add didactic session to Medical Emergencies (4 hours)  
Incorporate transcutaneous pacing into existing lectures/labs  
Incorporate Major Incident medications into existing lectures/labs  
Additional lab session for medical emergencies and/or mega-codes (4 hours)  
Added ACLS course (12 hours)  
**Total Time:** Approx. 24 hours added  
**Applies To:** All courses with a completion date after 9/1/2007

### EMT-BASIC REFRESHER CURRICULUM

**Changes:** Add Major Incident module (2-4 hours)  
**Total Time:** 2-4 hours added  
**Applies To:** All courses with a completion date after 9/1/2007

## **EMT-CARDIAC REFRESHER CURRICULUM**

**Changes:** IV Infusion Pump (incorporate into existing lectures/labs)  
Pacing (incorporate into existing lectures/labs)  
Add didactic session for pharmacology (2-4 hours)  
Add practical skills lab session (2-4 hours)  
ACLS required for EMT-C renewal

**Total Time:** 4-8 hours added

**Applies To:** All courses with a completion date after 9/1/2007

## **EXTENDED ROLE SKILL: MANUAL DEFIBRILLATION**

**Changes:** Discontinued as extended role skill

**Applies To:** No further courses will be approved

## **EXTENDED ROLE SKILL: IV INFUSION PUMP**

**Changes:** Discontinued as extended role skill; training continued only as a required one-time 'IV Infusion Pump Update' for all cardiacs and paramedics who don't already have it.

**Effective:** 6/30/2007

## **TRANSCUTANEOUS PACING UPDATE**

**Description:** Required one-time update for all cardiacs. May be completed as a standalone training or in conjunction with a full EMT-C course or refresher.

**Effective:** 6/30/2007

## **MAJOR INCIDENT UPDATE**

**Description:** Required one-time update for all EMTs. May be completed as a standalone training or in conjunction with a full EMT course or refresher.

**Effective:** 4/1/2007